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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF MOHAVE COOPERATIVE SERVICES, INC. TO DISCONTINUE INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICES

WC Docket No. 15-164
Comp. Pol. File No. 1231

Comment Date: July 24, 2015

On **June 29 2015**, **Mohave Cooperative Services, Inc.** (Mohave or Applicant), located at **P.O. Box 1045, Bullhead City, AZ 86430**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services in Arizona (Service Area).¹

Mohave indicates that it currently offers domestic interconnected VoIP services in Arizona (Affected Services).² Mohave explains that its interconnected VoIP services enable intrastate and interstate communications. Mohave states, however, that in response to changing market conditions and business plans, it has determined that it is no longer feasible to continue operating as a VoIP provider. Accordingly, Mohave asserts that it plans to cease all operations and to discontinue offering the Affected Services throughout the Service Area effective immediately, after obtaining Commission approval. Mohave submits that the proposed discontinuance will not result in harm to any consumers because the applicant does not currently have any subscribers for its services. In addition, Mohave maintains that the proposed discontinuance will not negatively impact the telecommunications market because there are numerous competitive options for telecommunications services in Arizona. Mohave asserts that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(d) of the Commission's rules, Mohave's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Mohave that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the Application, Mohave indicates that it plans to discontinue offering domestic interconnected VoIP services in Arizona effective immediately, after obtaining Commission approval. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(d) and the terms of the Application, absent further Commission action, Mohave may discontinue the Affected Services in Arizona on or after **August 9, 2015**, in accordance with its filed representations. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **July 24, 2015**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 15-164 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1231**.

¹ See Section 63.71 Application of Mohave Cooperative Services, Inc., WC Docket No. 15-164 (filed June 29, 2015), <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60001087334> (Application).

² Mohave emphasizes that it does not provide international services. The Applicant also notes that it has provided certain of its services under the trade name Tuscan Services LLC.

Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (888) 835-5322. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.

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